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OGB to Begin Rule Promulgation Process

BATON ROUGE – Today, the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) announced it will take the first step in promulgating the new schedule of benefits in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

OGB is currently undergoing a transformation that ensures it can continue to offer health care benefits to more than 230,000 state employees, retirees, and their dependents. The 2015 schedule of benefits addresses the rising cost of health care and the impact of the Affordable Care Act by offering more affordable health care options for members and the state.

The promulgation of the schedule of benefits is one of the ways OGB is making information about the 2015 plans available. Members can access plan details on the OGB website, through extended customer service hours, in decision guides that will be mailed to member homes, at in-person meetings and live webinars, and through human resource representatives all over the state.

Sending the fiscal and economic impact statements to the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) begins the promulgation process that will make OGB's benefits a part of state law. Once the LFO approves, the rules will be sent to the Office of the State Register, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and oversight committees. The committees will then send a recommendation to the governor for approval.

Members are encouraged to contact OGB with any questions. Customer service is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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